

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY V148S 115kV TRANSMISSION LINE ASSET CONDITION REFURBISHMET PROJECT IN LINCOLN AND CUMBERLAND, RHODE ISLAND – DOCKET NO. SB-2022-01

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-98-7 and 42-98-9.1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and sections 1.6(G) and 1.8(D) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Energy Facility Siting Board (“Board”) will conduct **public hearings on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the Cumberland Town Hall (45 Broad St in Cumberland, RI 02864) and on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 in the Town Hall Chambers of the Lincoln Town Hall (100 Old River Road in Lincoln, RI 02865)**. Both hearings will begin at 6 PM.

At the hearings, the Board will hear public comment on Docket No. SB-2022-01 regarding the Narragansett Electric Company’s Notice of Intent Application for the proposed asset condition refurbishment of the V148S 115 kV transmission line. The proposed work will occur along the 4.8-mile long transmission line that starts at the Washington #126 substation in Lincoln (near the Route 146-295 junction), runs southeast parallel to Route 126, crosses the Blackstone River to the northwest of New Pond, and continues due east to the Massachusetts state line. The Narragansett Electric Company filed its Application with the Board on March 4, 2022. Upon request from the Board for more information regarding the location and design of the existing and proposed structures, the Company filed a set of revised figures with the Board on March 31, 2022. In its Application, the Company proposes adding 1 new switch structure, replacing 58 existing structures, and removing 1 existing structure along the transmission line. Regarding the proposed replacement of 58 existing structures (which are comprised of wood and steel lattice), the Company plans to replace them with steel davit arm structures, with the exception of 4 structures that will be replaced with steel H frames. Visual depictions of the existing and proposed replacement structures are viewable in the link entitled “Revised Figures to Siting Report” located on the docket webpage (see link below). The Company argues that any impact the proposed refurbishment project may have on the natural and/or social environment will be negligible. Therefore, the Company requests the Board determine that the project does not constitute an alteration to a major energy facility and that it is not subject to the full EFSB permitting process.

Section 1.6(G) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure Rule provides that the Board shall “hold a public hearing in one or more of the cities or towns affected by an application.” After the public comment hearing, the Board shall “determine whether the project may result in a significant impact on the environment or the public health, safety and welfare and therefore shall be treated as an alteration,” per Section 1.6(H). The Board will conduct public comment hearings in both affected towns, and welcomes the participation of Lincoln and Cumberland residents.

The Notice of Intent Application is on file and available for public review at the Board office located within the Public Utilities Commission office building at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. It is also available online at: [http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2022\\_SB\\_01.html](http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2022_SB_01.html).

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Coordinator at 89

Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, 401-780-2173, at least 72 hours in advance of the public comment hearing.

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